

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, September 27, 2007
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2007**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: Huizhou is investigating a student visit to Milpitas this year. A date has not yet been announced. Lead Commissioner Grilli will provide a status report.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead Commissioner Grilli.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background: The Chair of the Dagupan Committee on Local and International Relations has indicated that four Dagupan delegates will visit Milpitas from October 12 to the 19th. The delegates will:

1. Sign the time extension of the memorandum of understanding. The MOU was approved by the City Council in May 2007.
2. Become acquainted with Milpitas officials.
3. Have a discussion regarding the student exchange program.
4. Be briefed on Milpitas e-governance services and transparency laws.
5. Promote the 2007 December Fiesta.

The schedule and activities for the visit are still to be determined.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from lead commissioner Grilli.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background: No visits are scheduled at this time. This is a standing agenda item and Vice Chair Arthur will not be present at the meeting.

Recommendation: No action is needed.

4. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

Background: Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

5. STUDENT PARTICIPATION IDEAS

Background: Continue discussion about ideas to generate more student participation in Sister City visits.

Recommendation: Discuss and direct staff as appropriate.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

4. 2008 NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Background: The Sister City Commission holds regularly scheduled meetings on the fourth Thursday every month. During 2008, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays occur on the same dates as the meeting. According to the Commission bylaws, the meeting should be held the third Thursday or on a date agreed upon by a majority of the Commission.

November 2008 – The third Thursday is November 20th. The Citizens Emergency Preparedness Commission is holding their regularly scheduled meeting in the Committee Room that evening. Another meeting room can be scheduled that same night for the Sister City Commission meeting. Alternatively, the Commission could meet on Wednesday November 19 when the Committee Room is available.

December 2008 – The third Thursday is December 18 and the Committee Room is available. Alternatively, Wednesday, December 17 is also available for a meeting.

Recommendation: Reschedule the November and December 2008 Commission meetings to Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, December 18.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

XI. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. Western European Sister City Research
3. Student Participation Ideas

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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